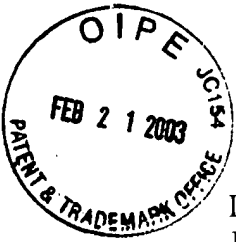


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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the office action of February 5, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.


The amendment filed on November 21, 2002 was deemed by the Examiner not to comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the marked up version of the claims submitted therewith did not conform to the original claims 1 to 4. Applicants are submitting herewith another marked up copy of the claims showing that "chains" and "chain containing from" are to be deleted from claims 1 and 4, respectively. Therefore, the marked up copy of the claims now corresponds to the original claims with the correct instructions to conform them to the claims as presented in the November 21, 2002 amendment.

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Since three months have been delayed by a minor error, it is requested that the Examiner promptly act upon the response.

Respectfully submitted,  
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